

**Comments of Williamson County Commissioner Ron Morrison  
at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Dec. 10, 2008**

Good morning Mr. Chairman, commissioners,

I am a county commissioner in Williamson County, and I have a landfill in my precinct. And I have also with me today on this matter, and to speak on another matter, Commissioner Valerie Covey. I just appreciate the opportunity, and I've sat in your position sometime in commissioners court, and brevity is our friend, so I'll be as brief as possible. But I just appreciate the opportunity to be here today, and ask you that you support this petition.

The issue of the permittee for a landfill permit is very important to Williamson County, given some conflicting positions that has been taken, not on just our permit, but perhaps some others. We recently sent a letter, asking for clarification, and I will say that this proposed definition in rulemaking will clarify hopefully once and for all that, in our case, Williamson County is the permittee, and they own the land and responsible for the operation and ultimate responsibility for the entire landfill. We understand also that this issue is not just confined to our county, but is a statewide rule clarification and hopefully will clarify this once and for all. Probably, our case might be a basis for this rule. That's all I have to say—I just ask that, you asked us not to be specific, and I will refrain from doing that.

Do you have any questions?

(No questions.)

Thank you for allowing me to be here, and I do ask you once again to support this petition.